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RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Quayle Action) dated September 8, 2004, the period for reply being extended by the Petition for Four Month Extension of Time appended hereto, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 5.